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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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TITLE OF INVENTION: | EXAMINER: S. A. HOLZEN  
Air Discharge Valve for an  
Aircraft

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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION REQUIREMENT OF DECEMBER 21, 2005,  
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Dear Sir:

No amendments are being made in the application.

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- 1) Please acknowledge/approve the following formalities:
  - a) the drawings filed March 29, 2004;
  - b) the foreign priority claim and priority document; and
  - c) the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 29, 2004.
- 2) In reply to the Election Requirement, applicant hereby elects the Species "b" wherein the first and second facing surfaces have concavely curved shapes.
- 3) The claims reading on the elected Species are claims 1 to 5, 7 to 12, 14 and 15. Claims 1 to 5, 8 to 12, 14 and 15 are generic, and claim 7 is limited to the elected Species. If a generic claim is ultimately found allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow the non-elected dependent claims 6 and 13.
- 4) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 15, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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